

Finance & Rules Committee
June 25, 2013
Minutes

Members Present: Committee Chair Scott Gray, Legislators Michael Docteur, Allen Drake, Michael Montigelli, James Nabywaniec, Barry Ormsby, Jennie Adsit, and Chairwoman of the Board Carolyn Fitzpatrick

Others Present: Legislators Philip Reed, Robert Ferris, and Anthony Doldo, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Michael Kaskan, County Attorney David Paulsen, Information Technology Director Gregory Hudson, Real Property Tax Services Director Paul Warneck, County Treasurer Karen Christie, Treasurer Accountant Ann Converse, Probation Supervisor David Corey, Human Resources Director Valerie Borland, JCC President Carole McCoy, JCC VP for Administration Daniel Dupee, Watertown Daily Times Reporter Daniel Flatley, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Committee approved the minutes of the May Committee meeting as presented.

Chairman Gray introduced a resolution adopting the 2013-2014 Jefferson Community College Budget and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ormsby and seconded by Legislator Montigelli. Chairman Gray recognized President McCoy, Board of Trustees Member Mike Crowley and Vice President for Administration Dan Dupee in attendance. Legislator Ormsby expressed his appreciation to the Board of Trustees for their ongoing cooperation and working with legislators relative to this budget.

President McCoy made a presentation to the Committee concerning the 2013-2014 JCC Budget relating that JCC was doing an outstanding job in meeting the needs of the community, as evidenced by the positive feedback received in the Center for Community Studies Survey of the Community, their 6 year graduation rate being the highest in all of the SUNY and CUNY community colleges, and their record breaking enrollment of students choosing to attend the College. She also related that licensor pass rate for the nursing program was again 100% and the Residence Halls will be open for the Fall 2014. She related that the percentage of the budget going toward academics at JCC is in the top 1/3 of all community colleges in SUNY, the percentage of dollars going to maintenance is the lowest in SUNY despite the fact that the facilities are ranked among the highest in terms of not needing critical maintenance.

President McCoy stated that a 3% increase in funding was requested from the County for this budget, changes are being made to the chargeback formula so there would be more predictability for Counties but a lower rate per FTE for the College as use of fund balance will no longer be figured into the formula, and State Aid per FTE has not kept up with the increase in costs. She distributed a 2008-2013 (proposed) fact sheet related to the increase in sponsor funding from the County vs. the growth in full/part time students attending the College which

shows a reduction in total County funding per FTE from \$2,246.29 to 2,029.65 which will be further reduced by the new chargeback rate. Following questions she advised that there will be a 3.2% tuition increase, tuition costs would not discourage a full time student to attend the College because of the aid that is available, the new Admissions Recruiter position would concentrate more on out of County adults and other non-traditional students in an effort to maintain the current enrollment numbers but would not do media relations, a separate ½ time position is being added in Public Relations & Marketing, and the federally funded Campus Compact Grant was denied renewal for the second year so they will have to let that person go. Chairman Gray stated that JCC is an asset to the community as a whole for a number of reasons and congratulated the Board of Trustees, administration, faculty and staff for a job well done. There being no further discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Gray introduced a resolution for appropriation for the conduct of Jefferson Community College for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Nabywaniec seconded by Legislator Adsit and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Gray introduced a resolution authorizing the purchase of Tyler Technology's Munis Software and amending the 2013 County Budget and Capital Plan in relation thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Adsit and seconded by Legislator Montigelli. The Committee was provided with an Executive Summary on this matter from the IT Ad Hoc Committee with their agenda packet. IT Director Gregory Hudson made a power point presentation to the Committee explaining why the purchase was necessary since the current system was purchased in 1998 and runs on a DOS base, the comprehensive process that was followed to select this vendor and their software which was completed including staff and the Ad Hoc Committee, and the budgeted and other funding sources to cover the cost. Following brief discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Gray introduced a resolution appointing Director of Real Property Tax Services and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Docteur and seconded by Legislator Ormsby. Legislator Adsit complimented Mr. Warneck on his job performance as in her experience his department is very efficient in dealing with any questions or problems that arise, and told him to keep up the good work. Chairman Gray advised that he has also heard people say that Department is very responsive to questions or concerns. There being no further discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Gray introduced a resolution authorizing agreement with Danser and Knudsen Psychological Services for the purpose of obtaining firearms evaluations and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Adsit seconded by Legislator Docteur and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Gray introduced a resolution establishing time and place for public hearings related to the 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) process and entertained a

motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Docteur seconded by Legislator Nabywaniec and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Gray introduced a resolution authorizing an amendment to the Community Development Agreement dated May 1, 2005 relative to Fort Drum Mountain Community Homes LLC and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Adsit seconded by Legislator Ormsby and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

On a motion by Legislator Docteur seconded by Legislators Nabywaniec, Drake and Ormsby and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the following General Services Committee sponsored resolutions:

- ✓ Authorizing Agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and Amending the 2013 County Budget in Relation Thereto
- ✓ Amending the 2013 County Budget to Recognize Insurance Recovery and Allocating Same in Highway Department Budget
- ✓ Amending the 2013 County Budget in Relation to the Highway Department CHIPS Funding

On a motion by Legislator Adsit seconded by Legislator Montigelli and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the following Planning & Development Committee sponsored resolution:

- ✓ Authorizing Agreement with Jefferson County Soil & Water Conservation District and Amending the 2013 County Budget in Relation Thereto

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Ormsby seconded by Legislator Adsit and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board